(iii) in-depth review of projects on monthly and quarterly basis by the Government;

(iv) follow up with the State Governments in respect of problems relating to land acquisition, rehabilitation, forest clearances, ensuring law and order at project sites, etc.

(v) setting up of an Empowered Committee in the administrative Ministries for review of departmentally executed projects;

(vi) inter-ministerial coordination for resolving unresolved problems;

(vii) appointment of nodal officers for each project with continuity of tenure; and

(viii) issue of guidelines on standard bidding documents for adoption.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Elimination of creamy layer for OBCs

3082. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to eliminate the criteria of creamy layer for OBCs particularly when this is not applicable in the case of SCs/STs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The concept of exclusion of creamy layer from reservation for OBCs in jobs under the Central Government was incorporated on the basis of Supreme Court's Judgment dated 16.11.1992 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 930 of 1990. Subsequently, the same was upheld by the Apex Court in its judgment dated 8.4.2008 in Writ Petition No. 265 of 2006 in admissions to Central Educational Institutions.

International conference on nuclear energy

3083. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the world's major players in nuclear energy visited Delhi for a major International Conference in September, 2009;

(b) whether the meeting discussed the peaceful use of atomic energy after a gap of over three decades;

(c) whether the Prime Minister inaugurated the three-day conference; and

(d) if so, the main points discussed and decision arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Major players from different parts of the world have participated in the three day International Conference on Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy held in Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi during September 29 - October 1, 2009.

(b) Yes, Sir. The First U.N. International Conference on Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy was organized in Geneva in 1955 which was presided over by Dr. Homi J. Bhabha. The present conference was organized to commemorate the Birth Centenary Year of Dr. Homi J. Bhabha. In between the first Conference and the present one, three Conferences on this subject were held in 1957, 1959 and 1971.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Conference focused on various important areas including:

- Achieving rapid growth in nuclear power production;
- Reaching to the general public the benefits of radiation applications in agriculture, medical sciences, industry and water management; and
- Developing new concepts and technologies for enhancing the share of nuclear power globally without compromising on the environmental issues.

Project under Indian Specific Safeguard Agreement

†3084. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken final decision of bringing certain atomic energy projects under Indian specific safeguard agreement;

(b) if so, the number of projects identified of the country as per this decision; and

(c) the power generation capacity of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In accordance with India's Separation Plan tabled in Parliament on 11 May, 2006, presently 8 Nuclear Power Reactors and 6 other facilities at the Nuclear Fuel Complex are subject to Safeguards under the Agreement between the Government of India and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards to Civilian Nuclear Facilities.

(c) The power generation capacity is given below:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.